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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 November 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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1. The substitute specification submitted March 9, 2005 is appreciated and has been entered.

2. Claims 11-19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- Each of claims 11-19 is missing text on the first line
- On line 2 of claim 19, it appears that -of- should be inserted after "edges."

Appropriate corrections are required.

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 10, 13, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Scholz, et al. The conduction members 400 comprise a first part having two protrusions 412, a second part 420 with a soldering part 432 and a middle part 418 arranged as claimed. In regard to claims 16 and 17, it is noted that the second part includes a second contact for soldering 308.

5. Claims 10, 12, 14, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maldonado, et al. The conduction members 16 of this

plate 10 comprise a first part having two protrusions, a second part 54 and a middle part 56. The middle part is inserted into an insertion hole. In regard to claims 16 and 17, it is noted that the second part includes a second contact that may be soldered (see column 8, lines 20-25).

6. Claims 11 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maldonado in view of DeFord, et al. Maldonado lacks the claimed length of the first elastic part (of claim 11) or the second elastic part (of claim 15). However, DeFord teaches the use of an elastic part 28 that is longer than the distance between adjacent middle parts 26. This allows more conduction members to be located on the plate. For the same reason, it would have been obvious to arrange and proportion the conduction members of Maldonado as taught by DeFord.

7. Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maldonado in view of Wang, et al. Maldonado lacks flaps. However, the similar conduction member of Wang teaches the use of protrusions with flaps where the first flap 521 extends toward the second flap 521. This structure is used to securely maintain the member in place. For the same reason, it would have been obvious to include flaps on the member of Maldonado.

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The contact of Hashiguchi, et al. comprises two protrusions, that are similar to those of the present invention.

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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10. It is suggested that responses to this final action be faxed to:
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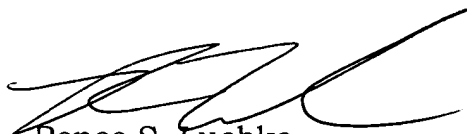
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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mrs. Renee Luebke at (571) 272-2009. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mrs. Paula Bradley, can be reached at (571) 272-2800, extension 33.



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